



On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama. ARRA provides increased support to several existing federal programs administered by states, creates new programs such as the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, and offers opportunities for states to apply for competitive grant programs.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's significant investment in North Carolina totaled almost \$19.5 billion, including assistance for those needing help the most through increases in unemployment benefits, Medicaid payments, and food stamps. In addition to those expanded services, ARRA gives hundreds of thousands of working North Carolinians a break through tax credits like the *Making Work Pay* tax credit and the *First Time Homebuyer's* tax credit.

The Recovery Act is not like earlier attempts to revive the nation's economy. It is not only a one-time infusion of federal funds; instead it is a long-term effort to restore economic expansion in the short-term, as well as prepare the nation's economy for stable, healthy long-term growth. Under the terms of the Recovery Act, support for North Carolina's economy will include both investments made directly by the federal government and investments of federal funds that are made under the oversight of the North Carolina state government.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Report, Carteret County

Carteret County received more than \$85 million in ARRA funding in grants, loans, and bonds. The following report outlines the various funding categories that contributed to the Carteret County total.



Pell Grant Awards:
1,045



Small Business Jobs:
114

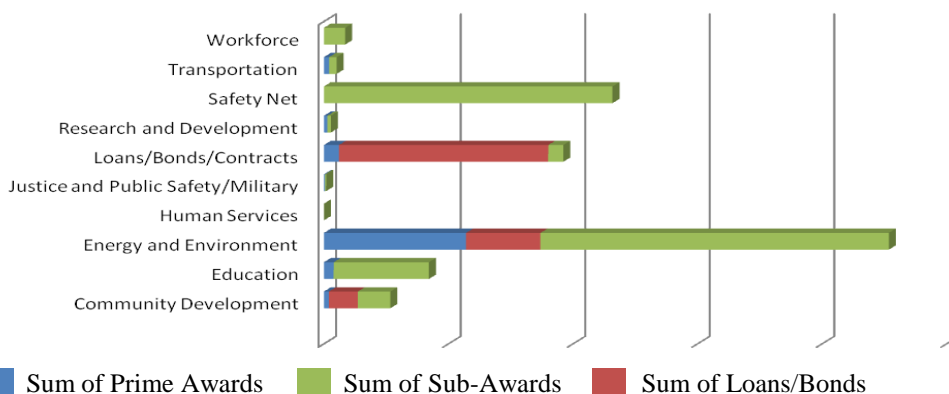


Appliances rebated:
157



Family homes financed:
31

Carteret County Totals



Carteret County,
pop 66,469 at a glance:

Recovery Act Totals:

Grants: \$60,041,688

Loans: \$18,455,655

Bonds: \$6,653,861

Total: \$85,151,204



Education

The Recovery Act placed a special emphasis on maintaining education funding. Governor Beverly Perdue furthered this commitment by pledging additional recovery funds from the Recovery Act to education, and leading North Carolina to additional funds by winning \$400 million in the Race to the Top program.

Most of the ARRA education funds are distributed to local schools through existing funding formulas. Special Education Funds and Title I funds go to schools based on eligible student enrollment. State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) and the EduJobs grants were designed to hold schools harmless during the recession, and were distributed to public and charter schools. The school systems have spent the majority of the funds on staff and support. Some projects, such as Race to the Top, will be spent for purchasing products and services rather than salaries for staff.

Authorization for low/no interest bonds for school construction/renovation followed the Department of Public Instruction procedures with initial allotments to the school systems. If a school system could not utilize their allotment, it was released to other school systems that could utilize additional allotments.

Carteret County schools received \$11.5 million in education funding, including \$1.7 million in Special Education funds, \$1 million in Title I funds, \$4.9 million in SFSF funds, \$737,000 in Race to the Top funding and a \$1.6 million bond allocation.

Pell Grants are an educational Assistance Program that provides grants to eligible students to receive post-secondary or vocational training. Because Pell Grants are not student loans, they allow students to receive financial assistance to further education and training without incurring additional debt. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act increased the eligibility and the maximum amount of Pell Grants in 2009 and 2010 as a way to encourage educational opportunities, and to provide a way for eligible applicants to gain new job skills.

In Carteret County, Carteret County Community College had 1,045 students funded by Pell Grants; these grants were worth more than \$1.3 million.



Family Assistance

The Federal Department of Agriculture increased funding to their Single-Family home program with the ARRA. These resources assisted families in achieving the American Dream of home ownership through direct financial assistance (grants) or credit (loan guarantees). This program pumped more than \$729 million into North Carolina, providing assistance to more than 5,400 families.

In Carteret County, 31 families received assistance through this program totaling more than \$5 million.

The Department of Energy created the Energy Star Appliance rebate program to help stimulate the economy by incentivizing the purchase of new, more energy efficient appliances, and helping consumers by providing long-term savings from their utility bills. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce managed the program insuring North Carolina residents and retailers received the maximum benefit from this opportunity. North Carolina retailers sold more than 25,500 new energy efficiency appliances through this program, and North Carolina residents will enjoy energy savings for years to come. The program was so successful, that the State Energy Office reprogrammed additional funding to provide discounts to everyone participating in the program, bringing the total program value from \$8 up to \$10 Million.

Carteret County retailers sold 157 appliances through the Energy Star Appliance rebate program.



Small Business Assistance

The ARRA provided tax breaks, increased depreciation of business assets, and incentives for hiring for small businesses through the tax law changes found in Part B of the Act. The Recovery Act also established direct aid programs through the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA). These programs provided grants, loans and loan guarantees to grant small businesses access to much-needed operational credit during 2009 and 2010.

In Carteret County 12 small businesses received SBA loan guarantees worth almost \$5.1 million. According to the small businesses receiving these loans, the Recovery Act saved or created 114 jobs.



CARS Program

The Car Allowance Rebate Program (CARS), more widely known as the 'Cash-for-Clunkers' program, provided an incentive for drivers of older, energy inefficient vehicles to upgrade to new cars. This program also provided a large economic impact in North Carolina, and North Carolina dealers received more than 18,000 trade-in vehicles through this program. North Carolina Car Dealers sold more than \$400,000,000 worth of new cars (recommended MSRP) through the CARS program. North Carolina drivers will save 172,130 miles per gallon through cars purchased through this program.

In Carteret County, car dealers sold 93 cars worth \$2.1 million through the ARRA CARS program.



Environment and Natural Resources Programs

ARRA funded several programs to protect the environment, or to develop natural resources more efficiently. These programs ranged from environmental clean-up, such as leaking underground storage tank abatement and Brownfields programs, to EPA clean air grants, wildfire prevention grants, and revolving funds to build, expand, or overhaul existing water and sewer programs. These programs provided nearly \$150 million across North Carolina.

In Carteret County, Morehead City received 4.3 million in water and sewer grant from the state revolving fund, and the Carteret County Government received \$1.5 million from the USDA's Rural Utilities Service. Additionally, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration made grants and contracts worth more than \$8.5 million for habitat protection and reclamation.



Green Energy Programs

One of the goals of ARRA was to provide grants to help conserve energy and assist in the development of a green economy. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce received large grants for energy conservation under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These grants include the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), funded at just under \$20 million, and the State Energy Plan (SEP), funded at \$70 million. The State Energy Office then used these grants to make awards to businesses, non-profits, and local governments for various purposes.

In Carteret County, the North Carolina State University Center for Marine Sciences in Morehead City received a green business fund grant worth \$228,519 to install and demonstrate a small hybrid PV-wind system to power pumps and heat water for aquaculture tanks in NC businesses.



Military Programs

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act included approximately \$7.4 billion in defense-related appropriations. This includes funding for all service areas and the Army Corps of Engineers. Recovery Act funding addressed some of the unique economic pressures faced by American service members because of their voluntary commitment to serve our nation. The Recovery Act included assistance to service members, upgrades aimed to improve the quality of life for troops and their families, funded three new facilities, and two new VA hospitals in North Carolina, addressing critical needs across the state. In addition to providing much needed facility improvements, this bill also provides more funding

for our energy research programs, so that Department of Defense (DOD) can continue to lead the way in the national effort to achieve greater energy independence. North Carolina had 103 military projects funded for a total of \$166 million.

In Carteret County, the Army Corps of Engineers contracted for more than \$1 million in improvements to natural resources.



Safety Net Programs

Safety net programs are the category of ARRA funding that consists of programs designed to help populations made particularly vulnerable by the economic crisis. These generally include increases in existing programs, most notably the increase in both benefit level and duration of unemployment payments. Increases in the amount and duration of unemployment payments makes up the largest chunk of safety net programs funded through the Recovery Act, totaling more than \$3.5 billion statewide over more than two years. Safety net programs such as unemployment insurance and SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps), not only benefit the recipient, but have a proven economic impact on a community.

Carteret County residents received more than \$16.3 million in Unemployment Insurance increases during the 2 ½ year ARRA benefits increase. County residents also received \$2.9 million in SNAP benefit increases, and \$3.8 million in one-time payments of \$250 to social security recipients.

Carteret County received more than \$400,000 for Head Start Programs.

Carteret County Feature Story

Carteret County Rebuilds Natural Resources with the Recovery Act

Two of the primary goals of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act were to preserve and create jobs, promote economic recovery, invest in infrastructure, and environmental protection that will provide long-term economic benefits. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is an agency that enriches life through science.

NOAA received \$167 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to restore coastal habitat and help jump-start the nation's economy by supporting thousands of jobs. The agency funded 50 high quality, high priority coastal restoration projects — spanning the country from New England's salt marshes, to the shores of the Great Lakes, to the coral reefs of the Pacific Islands. One of these projects will help restore oyster habitats in Carteret County.



NOAA provided \$5 million in Recovery Act funding to the North Carolina Coastal Federation for "Putting Private Industry to Work Rebuilding North Carolina's Oyster Habitats." This project will enhance the health and productivity of many of North Carolina's coastal estuaries. It will directly construct 46.9 acres of oyster sanctuary reefs within the Pamlico Sound, and help to sustain 19 additional harvest reefs (total of 2 acres) that are part of the state's sustainable oyster fisheries management program. Establishing these reefs will help

to foster formation and expansion of naturally occurring oyster reefs by putting more spat in the water. This project will enhance the productivity of the state's primary and secondary fish nursery areas. The end result of the project will be healthier fisheries since so much of the state's fishery species are estuarine dependent at some point in their life cycles. Great abundance of shrimp, flounder, speckled trout, weakfish, croaker, spot, bluefish, menhaden, and other NC estuarine-dependent finfish and shellfish species will occur.

The project is employing truckers, quarry workers, barge operators, and tugboat captains. This project has also created supplemental employment for oystermen, commercial fishermen and other water-related industries, and had a large impact for other merchants in the area, including local shop owners in the community in Belhaven who sold fuel to boats involved in the restoration. Nearly 200 jobs have been created by the project to date.

"The Recovery Act is making a difference here in North Carolina," said John Gray, of NOAA. "Restoring oyster habitats is an investment that pays off immediately by supporting green jobs. Over the long term, recovering oysters will help improve water quality and will boost important recreational and commercial fisheries that



bring economic vitality to coastal communities."

Appendix, Carteret County breakout

Federal Agency	Program Title	Recipient name	Recipient role ⁱ	Prime Amount ⁱⁱ	Unique Sub Awards ⁱⁱⁱ	Loans	Additional Economic Activity (not counted toward totals) ^{iv}
	Bonds		P			\$1,653,861.00	
		Morehead City	P			\$5,000,000.00	
	Cash for Clunkers		S		\$393,000.00		
	Federal Pell Grant Program	Carteret Community College	P				
	Very Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans - Guaranteed	Individuals	L			\$5,019,655.00	
Administration for Children and Families	ARRA - Early Head Start	Coastal Community Action, Inc.	P	\$382,236.00		\$0.00	\$382,236.00
	ARRA - Head Start	Coastal Community Action, Inc.	P	\$403,895.00		\$0.00	\$403,895.00
Administration on Aging	Aging Congregate Nutrition Services for States	Carteret County Senior Services	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Aging Home-Delivered Nutrition Services for States	Carteret County Senior Services	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Department of Agriculture	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Multiple Individuals	S		\$2,975,256.48		
Department of Energy	Weatherization Assistance for Low-Income Persons	Coastal Community Action, Inc.	S	\$0.00	\$3,902,252.00	\$0.00	
Department of Housing and Urban Development	Public Housing Capital Fund Formula (Recovery Act Funded)	Beaufort, City Of	P	\$201,222.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Department of Justice	Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program / Grants To Units Of Local Government	Atlantic Beach, Town Of	P	\$11,280.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
		Carteret, County Of	P	\$34,591.00		\$0.00	\$34,591.00
		Morehead City, City Of	P	\$37,601.00		\$0.00	\$37,601.00
	Recovery Act - Edward Byrne	Newport, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$14,948.99	\$0.00	

	Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program/ Grants to States and Territories						
				\$0.00	\$14,948.99	\$0.00	
Department of Labor	Unemployment Insurance	Multiple Individuals	S		\$16,318,963.67		
Environmental Protection Agency	Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Funds	Morehead City, City Of	S	\$0.00	\$1,290,000.00	\$0.00	
	Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds	Morehead City, City Of	S	\$0.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$0.00	
Federal Highway Administration	Highway Planning and Construction	Emerald Isle, Town Of Inc	S	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$500,000.00
		North Carolina Department Of Transportation	P	\$420,406.00		\$0.00	-\$79,594.00
		Sunland Builders, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
			SV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Federal Transit Administration	Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	Carteret, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$186,900.00	\$0.00	
Forest Service	No CFDA for Contract type awards	Archaeological Consultants Of The Carolinas Inc	P	\$17,100.00		\$0.00	\$17,100.00
		Premier Forestry & Environmental Consulting, PLLC	P	\$2,000.00		\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Idaho Operations Office	Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (EEARP)		P			\$0.00	\$35,020.56
National Institutes of Health	Trans-NIH Recovery Act Research Support	Alderon Biosciences, Inc.	P	\$282,240.00		\$0.00	\$282,240.00
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Habitat Conservation	Environment And Natural Resources, North Carolina Department Of	S	\$0.00	\$570,011.00	\$0.00	
		Martin Marietta Materials, Inc.	SV	\$0.00	\$1,961,706.60	\$0.00	
		North Carolina Coastal Federation, Inc.	P	\$5,030,000.00		\$0.00	\$2,359,374.00
		North Carolina State University	S	\$0.00	\$224,869.00	\$0.00	
		Stevens Towing Co., Inc.	S	\$0.00	\$1,800,746.00	\$0.00	
		University Of North Carolina At Wilmington	S	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	
Office of	Education	Carteret County	S	\$0.00	\$27,896.00	\$0.00	

Elementary and Secondary Education	Technology State Grants, Recovery Act	Board Of Education (Inc)				
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Education State Grants, Recovery Act	Carteret Community College	S	\$0.00	\$380,943.55	\$0.00
		Carteret County Board Of Education (Inc)	S	\$0.00	\$4,519,973.00	\$0.00
		Tiller School Of Carteret County, The	S	\$0.00	\$89,770.00	\$0.00
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grants, Recovery Act	Carteret County Board Of Education (Inc)	S	\$0.00	\$737,467.00	\$0.00
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act	Carteret County Board Of Education (Inc)	S	\$0.00	\$1,039,873.00	\$0.00
	Special Education - Preschool Grants, Recovery Act	Carteret County Board Of Education (Inc)	S	\$0.00	\$66,194.00	\$0.00
	Special Education Grants to States, Recovery Act	Carteret County Board Of Education (Inc)	S	\$0.00	\$1,682,277.00	\$0.00
		Tiller School Of Carteret County, The	S	\$0.00	\$26,573.00	\$0.00
	Community Facilities Loans and Grants	Cedar Island Community Center, Volunteer Fire Dept., And Rescue Inc.	P	\$250,000.00		\$250,000.00
Rural Housing Service		Eda	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00
		Morehead City, City Of	P	\$0.00	\$2,075,000.00	\$2,075,000.00
				\$200,000.00		\$200,000.00
		United Builders	PV	\$0.00	\$61,068.53	\$0.00
	Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities - ARRA	Carteret, County Of	P	\$1,515,000.00		\$0.00
Rural Utilities Service				\$0.00	\$1,046,000.00	\$1,046,000.00
		Morehead City, City Of	P	\$4,869,000.00		\$0.00
				\$0.00	\$4,932,000.00	\$4,932,000.00
	Loans	Beaufort Harbour Suites	L		\$750,000.00	
		Bsbb, Inc. Db	L		\$50,000.00	
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		Carteret Vision Center	L			\$950,000.00		
		Consumer Concepts	L			\$267,000.00		
		Divas Of Carolina, Inc.	L			\$320,000.00		
		Geodynamics LLC	L			\$600,000.00		
		Harborlight Guest House	L			\$1,966,000.00		
		Harborview Health Care Center	L			\$34,000.00		
		Island Green Landscapes, LLC	L			\$111,000.00		
		Island Group Investments, LLC	L			\$35,000.00		
		Lookout Global Ventures Inc	L			\$35,000.00		
		V-Mac, Inc	L			\$15,000.00		
SSA	Social Security Economic Recovery Act Payments	Multiple Individuals	P		\$3,881,750.00			
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - civil program financing only	No CFDA for Contract type awards	Cdm Federal Programs Corporation	P		\$164,453.85		\$0.00	\$32,268.85
		Geodynamics LLC	P		\$79,211.70		\$0.00	\$79,211.70
		Gulf Group, Inc	P		\$877,286.40		\$0.00	\$877,286.40
		Moffatt & Nichol Inc.	S		\$0.00	\$132,185.00	\$0.00	
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	No CFDA for Contract type awards	Government Sales Inc	P		\$69,796.77	\$69,796.77	\$0.00	
USACE								
Grand Total					\$14,597,319.72	\$45,444,369.58	\$25,109,516.00	\$19,870,628.89

ⁱ Recipient Role are as follows: P is a prime recipient; S is a Sub-recipient; PV is a vendor to a prime recipient; SV is a vendor to a sub-recipient; L is a loan recipient.

ⁱⁱ Prime Amounts are unique prime awards within a county. These are entities who have received funding directly from a federal agency, and are required to report directly to www.federalreporting.gov

ⁱⁱⁱ Unique Sub Awards are amounts that flow into a county from a source that is NOT directly from a Federal Agency. Generally these are funds awarded to the North Carolina State Government that have been directed to a local source.

^{iv} Additional Economic Activity are economic activity attributable to a previous funding category. They may be a sub award by a prime recipient within a county, or a contract funded by one of the previous three columns. This economic activity is not counted toward the county total.